

REMARKS

Claims 11-18 remain in the application. Claims 1-10 and 19-28 were canceled. Claim 15 was indicated as allowable by the examiner in the Office Action. Claim 15 is an independent claim.

Claim Objection

Claim 15 was objected to as “being dependent upon a rejected base claim,” but “would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.” Applicants have rewritten the claim in independent form as suggested by the examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC § 101 as being non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have canceled claims 1-8 without prejudice and reserve the right to pursue those claims or claims of a similar scope in a continuation application. Nevertheless, for purposes of this action, the rejection of those claims is moot in view of the cancellation.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-3, 6-14, 16, 18-20, 22-25, and 27 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Polcyn et al. (US Patent No. 5,930,792) in view of Minow (US Patent No. 6,418,464 B1). Claims 4, 21, and 26 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Polcyn et al. in view of Minow, as applied to claim 1, and further in view of APA (Admit Prior Art). Claims 5 and 17 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Polcyn et al. in view of Minow, as applied to claim 1, in view of APA and further in view of Kato et al. (method and device for expanding WWW browser function). Claim 28 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Polcyn et al. in view of Minow, as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Kirchner et al. (US Patent No. 6,263,370).

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Regarding claims 1-10 and 19-28, applicants have canceled the claims without prejudice and reserve the right to pursue those claims or claims of a similar scope in a continuation application. Nevertheless, for purposes of this action, the rejection of those claims is moot in view of the cancellation.

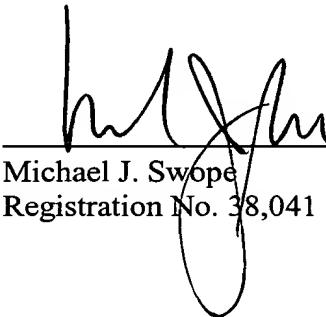
Regarding claims 11-13, 16, and 18, applicants have amended the claims as dependent on claim 15.

Claims 14 and 17 remain dependent on claims 13 and 16, respectively.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Office Action, and submit that Claims 11-18 of the application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and passage to issue of the application at the Examiner's earliest convenience is earnestly solicited.

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